

REMARKS

This Amendment and Response to Final Office Action is being submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated September 15, 2010. Claims 1-19 are pending in the Application.

- 1) Claims 1-3, 6-9, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Helms et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,236,315, hereinafter Helms) in view of Levy et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 4,355,214, hereinafter Levy).
- 2) Claims 4-5 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
- 3) Claims 10-19 are allowable.

Claims 1, 3, and 5, have been amended herein and Claims 2, 4, and 8-9 have been canceled herein to further clarify the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention, without prejudice or disclaimer to continued examination on the merits. These amendments are fully supported in the Specification, Drawings, and Claims of the Application and no new matter has been added. Based upon the amendments and the arguments presented herein, reconsideration of the Application is respectfully requested.

- 1) **Claims 1-3, 6-9, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Helms et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,236,315, hereinafter Helms) in view of Levy et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 4,355,214, hereinafter Levy).**

Applicants have amended Claim 1 to include all of the limitations in Claims 2 and 4, and canceled Claims 8-9. Thus, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

- 2) **Claims 4-5 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.**

Applicants have included Claim 4 (and intervening Claim 2) in Claim 1, and canceled Claims 2 and 4. Thus, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this objection.

CONCLUSION

Applicants would like to thank Examiner for the attention and consideration accorded the present Application. Should Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place the Application in condition for allowance, Examiner is encouraged to contact undersigned Counsel at the telephone number, facsimile number, address, or email address provided below. It is not believed that any fees for additional claims, extensions of time, or the like are required beyond those that may otherwise be indicated in the documents accompanying this paper. However, if such additional fees are required, Examiner is encouraged to notify undersigned Counsel at Examiner's earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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